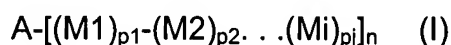


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-75 (Canceled)

76. (New) A cosmetic composition for protecting and/or for caring for the skin of the face, neck, hands, and/or body comprising at least one polymer and a physiologically acceptable medium,

wherein said at least one polymer has a star structure chosen from structures of formula (I):



in which:

A is chosen from polyfunctional centers having a functionality n;

$[(M1)_{p1}-(M2)_{p2} \dots (Mi)_{pj}]$  represents a branch comprising at least two different polymerized monomeric units  $Mi$  having a polymerization index  $pj$ ;

n is an integer greater than or equal to 2;

$pj$  is greater than or equal to 2;

there are at least two branches, which may be identical or different; and

said at least two branches are grafted covalently to A;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $Mi$  comprised by at least one of said at least two branches is chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $Mk$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $Mk$  has a  $T_g$  of greater than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  is present in an amount ranging from 45 to 99 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

77. (New) A composition according to claim 76, further comprising at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  contained by at least one of said at least two branches chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  has a  $T_g$  of less than or equal to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  is present in an amount less than or equal to 55 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

78. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said physiologically acceptable medium is chosen from pharmaceutically acceptable mediums and cosmetically acceptable mediums, and further wherein said composition is chosen from forms of pharmaceutical compositions and cosmetic compositions.

79. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said at least one polymer is present in an amount ranging from 1 to 95 percent by weight, on a dry basis, with respect to the total weight of said composition.

80. (New) A composition according to claim 79, wherein said at least one polymer is present in an amount ranging from 1.5 to 90 percent by weight.

81. (New) A composition according to claim 79, wherein said at least one polymer is present in an amount ranging from 2 to 50 percent by weight.

82. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said at least one polymer is present in said physiologically acceptable medium containing at least one phase chosen from an aqueous phase, an organic phase, and an aqueous/organic phase.

83. (New) A composition according to claim 82, wherein said at least one phase is chosen from an alcoholic and an aqueous/alcoholic phase.

84. (New) A composition according to claim 82, wherein said at least one polymer is dissolved or dispersed in said at least one phase.

85. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said polymer is an amount effective to protect and/or for care for the skin of the face, neck, hands, or body.

86. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said polymer is present in an amount effective for decreasing, erasing, concealing and/or softening wrinkles and/or fine lines on skin.

87. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said polymer is present in an amount effective to tighten skin.

88. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said composition has a form chosen from oil-in-water emulsions or multiple emulsions; water-in-oil emulsions or multiple emulsions; aqueous dispersions; oily dispersions; dispersions in a solvent medium; aqueous solutions; aqueous/alcoholic solutions; oily solutions; solutions in a solvent medium; aqueous gels; oily gels; microemulsions; microcapsules; microparticles of vesicular dispersions of ionic or non-ionic type; thickened fluids; gelled fluids; semi-solids; soft paste forms; and solid forms.

89. (New) A composition according to claim 88, wherein said solid forms are chosen from sticks and tubes.

90. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said composition is in the form of a product chosen from lipsticks, foundations, and tanning creams.

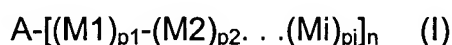
91. (New) A composition according to claim 76, wherein said composition combats wrinkles or tiredness.

92. (New) A composition according to claim 76, further comprising at least one film-forming agent.

93. (New) A composition according to claim 93, wherein said at least one film-forming agent is chosen from plasticizing agents and coalescence agents.

94. (New) A composition for protecting and/or for caring for the skin of the face, neck, hands, or body, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one polymer in an amount effective to protect and/or for care for the skin of the face, neck, hands, and/or body,

wherein said at least one polymer has a star structure chosen from structures of formula (I):



in which:

A is chosen from polyfunctional centers having a functionality n;

$[(M1)_{p1}-(M2)_{p2} \dots (Mi)_{pj}]$  represents a branch comprising at least two different polymerized monomeric units  $Mi$  having a polymerization index  $pj$ ;

n is an integer greater than or equal to 2;

$pj$  is greater than or equal to 2;

there are at least two branches, which may be identical or different; and

said at least two branches are grafted covalently to A;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  comprised by at least one of said at least two branches is chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  has a  $T_g$  of greater than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  is present in an amount ranging from 45 to 99 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

95. (New) A composition according to claim 94, further comprising at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  contained by at least one of said at least two branches chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  has a  $T_g$  of less than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

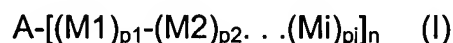
wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  is present in an amount less than or equal to 55 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

96. (New) A composition according to claim 94, further comprising at least one film-forming agent.

97. (New) A composition for the treatment of wrinkles and/or fine lines on skin, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one polymer in an

amount effective for decreasing, erasing, concealing and/or softening wrinkles and/or fine lines on the skin,

wherein said at least one polymer has a star structure chosen from structures of formula (I):



in which:

A is chosen from polyfunctional centers having a functionality n;

$[(M1)_{p1}-(M2)_{p2} \dots (Mi)_{pj}]$  represents a branch comprising at least two different polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$  having a polymerization index  $p_j$ ;

n is an integer greater than or equal to 2;

$p_j$  is greater than or equal to 2;

there are at least two branches, which may be identical or different; and said at least two branches are grafted covalently to A;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  comprised by at least one of said at least two branches is chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  has a  $T_g$  of greater than or equal to 10°C; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  is present in an amount ranging from 45 to 99 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

98. (New) A composition according to claim 97, further comprising at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  contained by at least one of said at least two

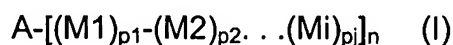
branches chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  has a  $T_g$  of less than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  is present in an amount less than or equal to 55 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

99. (New) A composition according to claim 97, further comprising at least one film-forming agent.

100. (New) An antisun composition, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one polymer in an amount effective to protect the skin of the face, neck, hands, and/or body from the sun,

wherein said at least one polymer has a star structure chosen from structures of formula (I):



in which:

A is chosen from polyfunctional centers having a functionality  $n$ ;

$[(M1)_{p1}-(M2)_{p2} \dots (Mi)_{pj}]$  represents a branch comprising at least two different polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$  having a polymerization index  $p_j$ ;

$n$  is an integer greater than or equal to 2;

$p_j$  is greater than or equal to 2;

there are at least two branches, which may be identical or different; and

said at least two branches are grafted covalently to A;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  comprised by at least one of said at least two branches is chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  has a  $T_g$  of greater than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_k$  is present in an amount ranging from 45 to 99 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

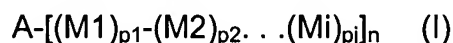
101. (New) A composition according to claim 100, further comprising at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  contained by at least one of said at least two branches chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  has a  $T_g$  of less than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  is present in an amount less than or equal to 55 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

102. (New) A composition according to claim 100, further comprising at least one film-forming agent.

103. (New) A composition for making up the skin and/or body, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one polymer,

wherein said at least one polymer has a star structure chosen from structures of formula (I):





in which:

A is chosen from polyfunctional centers having a functionality  $n$ ;

$[(M1)_{p1}-(M2)_{p2} \dots (Mi)_{pj}]$  represents a branch comprising at least two different

polymerized monomeric units  $Mi$  having a polymerization index  $pj$ ;

$n$  is an integer greater than or equal to 2;

$pj$  is greater than or equal to 2;

there are at least two branches, which may be identical or different; and

said at least two branches are grafted covalently to A;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $Mi$  comprised by at least one of said at least two branches is chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $Mk$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $Mk$  has a  $T_g$  of greater than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ;

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $Mi$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $Mk$  is present in an amount ranging from 45 to 99 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $Mi$ , and

wherein said composition is in a form chosen from lipsticks, foundations, and tanning creams.

104. (New) A composition according to claim 103, further comprising at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $Mi$  contained by at least one of said at least two branches chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $Mj$ , which may be identical or different, wherein a homopolymer formed by the corresponding polymerized monomeric units  $Mj$  has a  $T_g$  of less than or equal to  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ; and

wherein said at least one polymerized monomeric unit  $M_i$  chosen from polymerized monomeric units  $M_j$  is present in an amount less than or equal to 55 percent by weight relative to the total weight of the polymerized monomeric units  $M_i$ .

105. (New) A composition according to claim 103, further comprising at least one film-forming agent.

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